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EXDIS - FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: JAKARTA 15938.

1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PICTURE IN INDONESIA IN WAKE OF GOI'S DECEMBER 1 ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WE WILL BE REVIEWING YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN COMING WEEKS. MEANWHILE HERE ARE SOME COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED.

2. THE POINTS YOU MAKE IN DISCUSSION WITH SUDOMO REGARDING YOUR PARTICIPATION IN A PUBLICIZED DIPLOMATIC VISIT TO BURU ARE SOUND AND YOU SHOULD CONTINUE QUIETLY TO DISCOURAGE SUCH A PROJECT.

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3. WE WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DETAINEES. OUR INVOLVEMENT IN TRANSMIGRATION SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE SCOPE AND INTENT OF OUR CURRENT LUWU PROJECT. AID DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE BY VOLAGS UNDER PL-480 TITLE II AND WOULD

WANT TO REVIEW ANY SUCH PLANS.

4. AS TO THE NUMBERS OF DETAINEES, WE HAVE MOST RECENTLY BEEN USING IN OUR PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE THE FIGURE OF ABOUT 30,000", DERIVED FROM THE STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE GOI. WE ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONING ON WHAT THOSE FIGURES DO, IN FACT, REPRESENT. CAN WE ASSUME THAT THE FIGURES INCLUDE THOSE DETAINED SINCE MID-1966 IN CONNECTION WITH PERIODIC ON-GOING ANTI-PKI SWEEPS AS WELL AS THOSE ARRESTED EARLIER? ARE WE RIGHT IN THINKING THAT THOSE DETAINED AFTER THAT TIME INCLUDE THE GREAT BULK OF CATEGORY X PLUS SOME IN CATEGORIES A AND B? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF ROUGHLY HOW MANY, IF ANY, ARE BEING PICKED UP AT THE PRESENT TIME?

5. WE WILL BE SHORTLY FORWARDING TO YOU OUR LATEST (UNCLASSIFIED) VERSION OF THE INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
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